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FOR RCO/ATO

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 32600 ACTION PHNOM PENH FEBRUARY 19TH

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: URGENT NEED FOR FUNDS TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATE

CHANCERY

REF: PHNOM PENH 2158 AND 5357

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES YOUR CONCERN FOR ALTERNATE
OFFICE FACILITIES IN THE EVENT SIZEABLE VITAL AREA OF THE
CHANCERY COMPOUND WERE RENDERED UNUSABLE BY ENEMY ACTION.
WE SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE FUNDS IN THE MAGNITUDE REQUIRED
TO TRANSFORM THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AS AN ALTERNATE
CHANCERY. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ALMOST AS
VULNERABLE TO AIR STRIKES, ABS AND GROUND ATTACK BECAUSE
OF ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE RIVER, CHAMCAR MON, AND THE
CHANCERY.

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2. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSIDER THE MEDT ENLISTED MENS' QUARTERS AS A POSSIBLE ALTERNATE SITE. CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE TO INSULATE THESE QUARTERS FROM TERRORIST ATTACK AND ATTACK BY ABF. FURTHER, IT WOULD HAVE ADDED ADVANTAGES OF BEING CLOSE TO GKR DEFENSE UNITS WHICH COULD RESPOND IN THE EVENT OF A GROUND ATTACK AND IS IN AN AREA WHICH HAS BEEN RELATIVELY FREE FROM ENEMY ACTION. IT IS ALSO PROXIMATE TO E&E LANDING ZONE.

3. UNDER THE QUOTE TERRORISM UNQUOTE PACKAGE, THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE AVAILABLE DOLS 50,000 TO BE USED TO CONSTRUCT ANOTHER GENERATOR SHED AT THE CHANCERY, AND DOLS 5,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A VAULT AREA AT THE EM QUARTERS. WE DO NOT HAVE FUNDS TO PERMIT THE EQUIPPING OF DUPLICATE OFFICE FACILITIES WITH TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT, VAULTS AND MORE SAFES. IN THE EVENT YOU HAVE TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE CHANCERY COMPOUND, WOULD HOPE THAT YOU COULD SPREAD YOUR MATERIAL RESOURCES TO ADEQUATELY EQUIP THE TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACE.

4. PRINCIPAL ELEMENT TO BE ESTABLISHED IN ANY BUILDING PROPOSED AS AN ALTERNATE CHANCERY WOULD APPEAR TO BE FACILITIES FOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. IN VIEW CLEARLY URGENT NECESSITY PLAN FOR EMERGENCY SITUATION AND, AT SAME TIME, IN CONSIDERATION SHORTAGE OF FUNDS, WE WOULD URGE CONSIDERATION EQUIPPING VAULT AREA AT PROPOSED EM QUARTERS WITH COMMUNICATIONS GEAR AND A SAFE. OTHER EQUIPMENT COULD BE BROUGHT IN IF AND AS NEEDED.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS SINCE THE BUREAU WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT WITH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE DEAN DURING HIS CONSULTATION.

6. NEW SUBJECT:BUREAU NOT AWARE POST PROPOSES TO CONVERT PERMANENTLY AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE INTO DCM RESIDENCE. SINCE NO RPT NO FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO LEASE OR REFURBISH A NEW RESIDENCE FOR AMBASSADOR DEAN, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHICH ONE OF EXISTING RESIDENCES HE WILL OCCUPY SO THAT
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